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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 24, 2011**. Rain and wet soils have continued to slow down planting progress last week. Reports were made of some flooding of fields in the delta. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 55 adequate, and 32 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending April 24, 2011

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	94	90	95	94
Corn, emerged	84	73	84	83
Cotton, planted	5	2	26	17
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	30	22	29	21
Rice, planted	57	32	66	53
Rice, emerged	28	12	30	25
Sorghum, planted	37	22	51	39
Sorghum, emerged	14	--	36	22
Soybeans, planted	26	19	58	49
Soybeans, emerged	15	6	23	28
Watermelons, planted	77	63	81	74
Winter Wheat, jointing	100	99	98	99
Winter Wheat, heading	93	84	50	80

Crop condition for week ending April 24, 2011

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	0	14	85	1
Corn	0	3	33	49	15
Livestock	0	4	24	56	16
Pasture	0	2	30	54	14
Watermelons	0	0	16	81	3
Winter Wheat	4	6	24	48	18

Comments

“Planting and fieldwork were put on hold for a couple days due to rains. Cotton will likely be planted this week while soybeans and rice keep making their way in the ground. Mostly all of the wheat is headed and filling out. Wheat yields will likely vary across the county.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Pretty weather allowed almost two days in the field planting in the first part of the week. Corn is up and looks like it's off to a good start. As the soil warms and dries up, I expect cotton planting to be in full swing.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Rain and wet soils continue to slow planting activities.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Pretty warm weather has everything growing right now. Livestock are getting some spring grazing off permanent pasture grass now and are looking better. Gardening seems to be in full swing.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Recent tornado damage caused lots of timber damage as well as damage to fences and pastures. Temporary fencing is being installed in some areas.”

— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper

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— Lester Stephens, Washington

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“Corn looks good. We need to get back in the field to clean up what is up and plant some more in the ground.”
— Don Respass, Quitman

“Parts of the county got over 6 inches of rain Thursday to Friday. It will be at least Tuesday before we can get back in the field and rain is forecast to start again that day.”
— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“We’ve had rain, rain, and more rain, so we need some dry weather. We have also had some flooding.”
— Pamela Redwine, Yalobusha

“Once again scattered heavy rain showers have hampered planting and other field activities.”
— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Recent rainfall county wide occurred this past week. We haven't had a rain like that since last spring.”
— Strider McCrory, Sunflower

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“Choctaw County had around 2" of rain last week with severe storms. More rain and severe storms are predicted for this week. There has been no crop damage due to weather.”
— Juli Hughes, Choctaw

“Growers have not been able to get into the fields to finish planting this year’s corn crop in the last several weeks due to 7 - 9 inches of rain in some spots. Equipment work is now being done in preparation for drier weather and the opportunity to get seed in the ground.”
— Reid Nevins, Clay

“Wet field conditions continue to cause problems with fertilizer and herbicide applications on corn.”
— Dennis B. Reginelli, Noxubee

“Cool season hay harvest has begun. Wheat looks good, but some additional moisture is needed to get summer grasses going.”
— Richard Hay, Amite

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 24, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	81	49	67	64	3	2.01	0.82	3	5.10
Cleveland	90	46	70	65	5	2.27	0.94	3	4.73
Tunica 2N	88	49	69	63	6	1.46	0.13	3	5.27
Extreme/Average	90	46	69	64	5	1.91	0.65	3	5.03
North-Central									
Batesville	90	41	69	62	7	2.10	0.91	2	5.55
Hickory Flat	87	38	64	61	3	1.22	-0.04	3	5.11
Holly Springs	89	52	69	60	9	1.24	0.05	3	4.44
Independence	86	41	67	61	6	1.19	0.06	3	4.71
Oxford	89	44	68	61	7	2.61	1.42	2	6.58
Extreme/Average	90	38	67	62	5	1.67	0.41	3	5.21
Northeast									
Booneville	84	42	66	61	5	1.28	0.08	3	5.57
Corinth 7SW	86	40	64	64	0	1.66	0.47	2	5.39
Pontotoc Exp	87	54	68	62	6	3.47	2.21	3	7.57
Tupelo 2	87	46	68			2.78		2	7.24
Verona	86	43	67	62	5	4.17	2.98	3	8.84
Extreme/Average	87	40	67	62	5	2.67	1.47	3	6.92
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	88	50	70	65	5	0.89	-0.44	2	4.47
Moorhead	88	58	71	65	6	2.18	0.89	3	4.02
Rolling Fork	91	49	73	65	8	2.15	0.89	1	3.87
Yazoo City	91	48	72	66	6	3.10	1.76	2	6.83
Extreme/Average	91	48	72	66	6	2.08	0.79	2	4.80
Central									
Canton 4N	87	44	71	65	6	2.06	0.72	2	5.76
Carthage				64		1.57	0.24	2	5.79
Forest 3S	86	46	71	64	7	3.11	1.78	2	8.01
Winona 5E	85	37	68	60	8	2.46	1.20	3	6.83
Extreme/Average	87	37	70	64	6	2.30	0.97	2	6.87
East-Central									
Aberdeen	85	52	67	63	4	2.06	0.87	3	8.42
Columbus	86	49	70	64	6	3.87	2.60	2	12.42
Macon	87	43	68	63	5	5.66	4.37	2	8.10
State University	88	44	70	63	7	4.16	2.89	3	11.12
Extreme/Average	88	43	69	64	5	3.94	2.66	3	10.65
Southwest									
Crystal Springs	87	52	72	66	6	2.00	0.63	1	6.44
Natchez	88	46	73	67	6	0.14	-1.24	1	2.24
Oakley Exp				65		1.11	-0.24	2	5.69
Vicksburg City	88	50	72			0.81		2	4.82
Woodville 4ESE	88	58	75	66	9	0.00	-1.40	0	1.21
Extreme/Average	88	46	73	66	7	0.81	-0.56	1	4.80
South-Central									
Collins	87	41	71	65	6	0.70	-0.56	1	3.10
Columbia	89	46	74	66	8	0.12	-1.22	1	2.24
Monticello	91	41	73	65	8	0.10	-1.30	2	3.35
Raleigh 6N	87	38	70			0.61		2	4.36
Extreme/Average	91	38	72	66	6	0.38	-0.95	2	3.26
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	87	45	71	66	5	0.15	-1.11	1	3.33
Laurel	89	47	72	65	7	0.57	-0.62	3	2.86
Waynesboro 2W	88	43	73	65	8	0.37	-0.67	2	6.02
Extreme/Average	89	43	72	65	7	0.36	-0.83	2	4.07
State	91	37	70	64	6	1.74	0.46	2	5.78

DFN = Departure from Normal.